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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: 5/13/63

FROM : Director, FBI 123

SUBJECT: **IVAN CHERMAYEFF**
aka Ivan Issakowitch
VOA (USIA)

Buded: 6/12/63

You are requested to conduct an investigation of the above-named individual in accordance with the instructions contained in Section 19, Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and Chapter 78, Part III, FBI Handbook. This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the completed investigation must be submitted to reach the Bureau by Buded.

Birth date and birthplace:

Present address:

Social Security Number:

Firm to employ and position involved:

NEW YORK: Include following as predication urep: This case was referred to the FBI by the Civil Service Commission under the provisions of Public Law 298, 82nd Congress.

Rerep CSC investigator, [redacted] page 14, which contains information attributed files your office. Include that information urep and attribute to original source and period obtained. Report results your investigation to resolve identity.

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- 2 - New York - Enc. (7)
- 2 - Boston - Enc. (3)
- 2 - New Haven - Enc. (4)
- 2 - Chicago - Enc. (3)
- 2 - San Francisco - Enc. (2)

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Letter to Washington Field
Re: IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Report results your investigation of persons mentioned CSC forms IN 34 and IN 35.

Reurlet 2/28/42 entitled [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Reurfile 100-94444. If identical with applicant's reference, include statement urep that in 1956 the FBI conducted a security-type investigation concerning Silas Harvey Rhodes, applicant's reference, and the results were furnished to CSC. (100-421746)

NEW HAVEN: Reurfile [REDACTED] Re Boston letter 12/20/62 entitled [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] transmitting results of SM-C investigation concerning Serge Chermayeff. If identical with applicant's father, include statement urep that the FBI has conducted a security-type investigation concerning Serge Ivan Chermayeff, applicant's father and the results were furnished to USIA 6/23/59. (100-381390)

Re Boston letter 12/20/62 and urlet 2/28/63. Include your current report any additional pertinent information contained those letters. (100-381390-12,13)

Contact CP informants concerning applicant's father.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

(File

) DATE: 6/26/63

FROM : SAC, WFO

(File 123-14602)

SUBJECT: Ivan Chermayeff
aka Ivan Issakowitch.
VOA (USIA)b6
b7CRe rpt of S/A [redacted] dated 6/12/63
This case will be delinquent. at WDC.

Date of Bureau deadline: 6/12/63

Reason for the delinquency: INS file on applicant's father
Containing unfavorable info unavailable to
date of report. Necessary communication
will reach the Bureau: 7/3/63 or sooner.AEC zone designation; e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)No administrative action
recommended.
Spec. Inq.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Records Branch

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Supervisor _____ Room _____ Ext. _____

Type of References Requested:

☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)
☒ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
☐ Subversive References Only
☐ Nonsubversive References Only
☐ Main _____ References Only

Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of _____
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

MAY 10 1963

Subject CHERMAYEFF, IVAN

Birthdate & Place _____

Address _____

Localities _____

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Date

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Searcher

Initials

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FILE NUMBER

SERIAL

✓ 100-419979-11 to CG

ISSAKOWITCH, IVAN

✓ 100-381390-3 to NH

CHERMAYEFF, SERGE IVAN (father)

✓ 100-381390 SS to NH 6/16/59✓ 100-381390 to NY

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✓ 100-381390 (E) to NH

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✓ 100-381390-9 Sum 3/1/55 to NH✓ 100-381390-11 Sum 6/26/59✓ 100-381390-10 Sum 4/30/59 to NH✓ 100-381390-11 Sum 6/26/59✓ 100-381390-12 Sum 6/26/59✓ 100-381390-13 Sum 6/26/59✓ 100-381390-14 Sum 6/26/59✓ 100-381390-15 Sum 6/26/59✓ 100-381390-16 Sum 6/26/59✓ 100-381390-17 Sum 6/26/59✓ 100-381390-18 Sum 6/26/59✓ 100-381390-19 Sum 6/26/59✓ 100-381390-20 Sum 6/26/59✓ 100-381390-21 Sum 6/26/59

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Subj: CHERMAYEF, IVAN

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✓ 100-381390-3 T. NH

✓ 100-381396-12 T, NH

CHERMAVEFF, SERGO (Vas father)

✓ T 100-0-26639 EP2 SI

CHERMAYEFFE, SERGE (Van Lathe)

✓ 100-407166-1 to Cg

✓ 138-4581-16 P13 TO C

CHERMAVOFF, SERGE (V. father)

162-88217-21 Part 2 EP903 ^{p 544} 550

T. NY

✓ 100-3-70-A Daily Worker ^{SI} 4/3/50

✓ T. 100-146964-639 p 30.42.43 ¹⁰ NY

✓ 100-340922-61 P18 TCG

✓ L 100-356137-485 P63 To

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CHERMAKOFF, SERGE I. (Varkh)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
June 11, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. New York 151-151

Title IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Character VOICE OF AMERICA
(UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (123-15869)

DATE:

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (151-66)

SUBJECT: IVAN CHERMAYEFF, aka,
VOA (USIA)

Re Bureau airtel 6/13/63.

Enclosed are amended Cover Page B, FD 204,
Page 9 and FD 323 (Evaluation Memorandum) for the report
of SA [redacted] dated 6/10/63 at Boston.

Appropriate errors have been scored.

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1-Boston (151-66) (Enc.)

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| Reporting Office NEW HAVEN | Office of Origin BUREAU | Date 6/11/63 | Investigative Period 5/16 - 6/10/63 |
| TITLE OF CASE IVAN CHERMAYEFF, aka Ivan Issakowitch | | Report made by SA | Typed By: lmg |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE VOA (USIA) | |

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REFERENCE

Bureau letter to Washington Field,
dated 5/13/63.

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INFORMANTS

Informants contacted regarding the applicant and his father
in June, 1963, were:

| <u>Informant</u> | <u>Date Contacted</u> | <u>Contacting Agent</u> |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 80px;"></div> | 6/7/63 | SA |
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| Approved <i>[Signature]</i> | Special Agent In Charge | Do not write in spaces below | |
| Copies made: 5 - Bureau 1 - New Haven (151-31) | | 123-15869-2 | REC-52 |
| RECEIVED FBI JUN 13 1963 This report does not complete the Investigation. You will be furnished with additional information when it is received. | | JUN 12 1963 | EX-101 |

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:
Date:SA [REDACTED]
June 11, 1963

Office:

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Field Office File #: 151-31

Bureau File #:

Title:

IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Character:

VOICE OF AMERICA (UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Department of Art, Yale University, comments favorably regarding applicant and his family and recommends applicant. Effort to verify applicant's residence, New Haven, Connecticut, unsuccessful. Applicant's father cited for six traffic violations, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, during period 1951 - 1960. As of November, 1962, father had satisfactory credit rating, Boston, Massachusetts Credit Bureau. FBI conducted security type investigation on applicant's father, SERGE IVAN CHERMAYEFF; results of that investigation furnished to U.S. Information Agency in June, 1959. Applicant and father not known to New Haven confidential informants.

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DETAILS:

NH 151-31.

EDUCATION

School of Art and Architecture
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

On June 5, 1963, [redacted] Office of the Dean, captioned school, advised a review of records of her office reflected [redacted] who currently resides in [redacted] was one of the applicant's instructors when he attended this school. She said she does not know the present location of any other persons who taught the applicant with the exception of [redacted] who is currently on the staff of this school.

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On June 6, 1963, [redacted] advised that [redacted] at Yale University [redacted] He said he has known the applicant and his family

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[redacted] but has had no contact with him since then. He said he is aware that the applicant has been self-employed as a Graphic Artist in New York City for the majority of his time since leaving Yale.

[redacted] stated that the applicant and all members of his family have favorable reputations and that he has had no reason to question the moral character or associates of any member of the CHERMAYEFF family. He said that he is not aware of any political affiliations or activities on the part of the applicant or any member of his family and added he has had no reason to question their loyalty to the United States. On the basis of his knowledge of the applicant, he recommended IVAN CHERMAYEFF for employment in a position of trust and confidence.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

1138 Chapel Street
New Haven, Connecticut

On June 5, 1963, [redacted] advised that he has rented an apartment

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[redacted] During this period several of these students have attended the School of Art and Architecture. He [redacted] said he could not specifically recall the applicant by name. He commented that all of the students [redacted] have always conducted themselves as gentlemen and have never been the source of any complaints or disturbances.

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[redacted] pointed out that this neighborhood is composed of commercial buildings with a few apartments available which are usually rented to Yale University students. He said that due to the character of the neighborhood and the length of time since applicant's residence, he could not suggest the names of anyone who would have known CHERMAYEFF when he resided here.

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CREDIT AND ARREST RECORDS

On November 20, 1962, personnel, Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, which is a central repository for all criminal conviction records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised IC [redacted] that their files contained the following record for SERGE I. CHERMAYEFF, born October 8, 1900, in Russia:

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Offense</u> | <u>Court</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 10/20/51 | Speeding | Newburyport | \$10 paid |
| 1/4/55 | Speeding | Hingham | \$10 paid |
| 1/4/55 | Keep to right | Hingham | Filed |
| 3/2/57 | Red light | Concord | Filed \$5. exp. paid |
| 3/2/57 | No license | Concord | \$10 paid |
| 5/26/60 | No sticker | Cambridge | \$10 paid |

On November 19, 1962, personnel at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised IC [redacted] that SERGE IVAN CHERMAYEFF had a satisfactory credit rating with that credit bureau.

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MISCELLANEOUS

On November 16, 1962, [redacted] Corporation Office, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised SA [redacted] that SERGE IVAN CHERMAYEFF had been appointed Professor of Architecture at Harvard University on July 1, 1953, and resigned this position on June 30, 1962.

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[redacted] stated the file shows that CHERMAYEFF, who is a United States citizen, had been born October 8, 1900, in Russia. He had been granted a leave of absence and was reportedly then connected with the faculty of Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

[redacted] stated that CHERMAYEFF was married on March 22, 1928, to the former BARBARA MAITLAND MAY and had at least two sons whose ages then would have been thirty years and twenty-six years respectively.

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On February 28, 1963, [redacted] Administrative Assistant, Office of the Secretary, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, advised that SERGE CHERMAYEFF, born October 8, 1900 in Russia, formerly of the Harvard University faculty, was appointed Professor of Architectural Design at Yale on July 1, 1962 and that he then held that post and resided at 28 Lincoln Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

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The FBI has conducted a security-type investigation concerning SERGE IVAN CHERMAYEFF, applicant's father. The results of that investigation were furnished to the United States Information Agency on June 23, 1959.

In June, 1963, New Haven confidential informants who are familiar with various aspects of Communist Party and related activities in the New Haven, Connecticut, area advised that the applicant and his father are not known to them.

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| REPORTING OFFICE BOSTON | OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU | DATE 6/10/63 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/15 - 6/10/63 |
| TITLE OF CASE IVAN CHERMAYEFF AKA, IVAN ISSAKOWITCH | | REPORT MADE BY SA | TYPED BY mm b6 b7C |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE VOA (USIA) | |

REFERENCE: Bureau letter 5/13/63.
Boston airtel 6/7/63 to WFO.

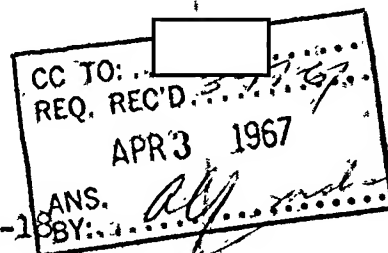
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INFORMANTS:Identity of SourceBS T-1 is

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Chicago PD.BS T-3 is BS T-4 is Location

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DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

AGENCY **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**REQUEST RECD. **JUN 20 1963**DATE FWD. **6-14-63**HOW FWD. **6-14-63**BY **6-14-63**

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INFORMANTS: (cont.)

Identity of Source

Location

BS T-5 is [redacted]

BS T-6 is [redacted]

BS T-7 is a pretext interview of [redacted]

[redacted] conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on May 14, 1961.

(Concealed to protect the
investigative technique.)

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

SA [redacted] interviewed [redacted]
on 5/14/61 by use of a pretext phone call to [redacted] home.
SA [redacted] identified himself as one [redacted] of San
Francisco and stated he was willing to furnish funds to the
Cuban Protest Committee if the need for such still existed.

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The Boston indices do not disclose any references
for the applicant, BARBARA CHERMAYEFF or for [redacted]
[redacted] The Boston files do not contain any pertinent
information on [redacted]

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Bureau airtel 5/14/63 to New York instructed
Boston to review Boston file [redacted] and report pertinent
information. A review of Boston file [redacted] captioned
[redacted] did
not disclose any information deemed pertinent to instant
investigation. The Boston files do not disclose any infor-
mation on [redacted] or on the Committee to Present
the Major Issues other than that set forth in Boston letter
dated 12/29/61 to the Bureau captioned [redacted]
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It is noted SERGE IVAN CHERMAYEFF was a subject
of Boston file captioned "SERGE IVAN CHERMAYEFF, VISIT OF
AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION COMMITTEE TO USSR, 1959; IS-R,"
Boston file 100-27228, Bureau file 100-381390. New Haven
was designated office of origin in this case on 12/20/62,
pertinent serials were forwarded to New Haven on that date
and accordingly the Boston file is not complete.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:
Date:SA [REDACTED]
6/10/63

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

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Field Office File No.: 151-66

Bureau File No.: 123-15869

Title: IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Character: VOICE OF AMERICA (U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis:

Neighborhood investigation favorable. Results of credit and arrest checks set forth. SERGE CHERMAYEFF, Professor of Architecture, Harvard University, was among the signers of an advertisement placed in the New York Times on 5/10/61 by the Cuba Protest Committee which protested U.S. military intervention in Cuba. SERGE CHERMAYEFF was on the mailing list of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship in September, 1949. 2/28/49 issue of the "Daily Worker" and the 9/24/50 issue of "The Worker" listed SERGE CHERMAYEFF among signers of a petition appealing to the U.S. Attorney General to suspend political prosecution of National Communist leaders and among signers of a statement to President TRUMAN protesting separation of representative legislation in any form. 1/29/54 issue of the "Daily Worker" listed SERGE CHERMAYEFF as one who joined in a "Friend of the Court" brief submitted to Supreme Court in behalf of a new trial for MORTON SOBELL. During 1950, BS T-5 advised SERGE CHERMAYEFF was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. Release issued 8/14/50 by Peace Information Center, NYC, included SERGE CHERMAYEFF on a list endorsing World Peace Appeal. 5/22/49 issue of "The Worker" listed SERGE CHERMAYEFF among signers of an open letter urging President TRUMAN to settle issues through direct negotiation with the Soviet Union.

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DETAILS:

NEIGHBORHOOD

On May 24, 1963, [redacted] Wellfleet, Massachusetts, furnished the following to Special Agent [redacted]

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SERGE CHERMAYEFF and his wife, BARBARA CHERMAYEFF, parents of the applicant, have been summer residents at their summer home situated off Gull Pond Road, Wellfleet, from approximately 1950 to the present.

The applicant resided with his parents at their summer home at Wellfleet during the summers of 1950, 1952, 1954 and 1955.

He knows the applicant and his parents as summer residents of Wellfleet and described them as honest, reliable, trustworthy individuals of excellent character who are loyal to the United States.

On May 24, 1963, Chief of Police FRANK DAVENPORT, Wellfleet Police Department, Wellfleet, Massachusetts, advised Special Agent [redacted] he knew the applicant and his parents as summer residents of Wellfleet. He described them as respectable, reliable persons of excellent character who are loyal to the United States.

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On May 24, 1963, [redacted] [redacted] the town of Wellfleet, Main Street, Wellfleet, Massachusetts, advised Special Agent [redacted] he knows the applicant and his parents as summer residents of Wellfleet and as social acquaintances. The applicant's parents have been summer residents at their summer home situated off Gull Pond Road, Wellfleet, from approximately 1950 to the present and the applicant resided there during the summers of 1950, 1952, 1954 and 1955.

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The applicant and his parents are respectable, reliable, trustworthy, intelligent persons of excellent character and are loyal to the United States. The associates of the applicant and his parents are persons of good character who are loyal to the United States. [redacted]

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On May 24, 1963, [redacted]
[redacted] Wellfleet, Massachusetts furnished the following to
Special Agent [redacted]

Her maiden name is [redacted] She was born in [redacted]

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[redacted] is a housewife and is a naturalized United States citizen. She has known the applicant, his parents and [redacted] as social acquaintances for approximately the past ten years. The applicant married his wife [redacted] in approximately 1955 and she has known the applicant's wife as a social acquaintance from approximately 1955. [redacted]

She described the applicant, his wife, parents and brother as intelligent, trustworthy, reliable, honest persons of excellent character who are loyal to the United States. She described the associates of the applicant, his wife, parents and brother as persons of excellent character who are loyal to the United States. [redacted]

[redacted] CRED [redacted]

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[redacted] There is no credit bureau or credit reporting service in or serving Wellfleet, Massachusetts.

On May 16, 1963, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater Lawrence, Lawrence, Massachusetts advised Special Agent [redacted] the records of said Bureau did not disclose any record for the applicant. This Bureau also covers Andover, Massachusetts.

On May 17, 1963, personnel of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, 11 Beacon Street, Boston advised Investigative Clerk [redacted] the records of said Bureau did not disclose any record for the applicant or for [redacted]

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On June 7, 1963, personnel of this Bureau advised the records disclosed that SERGE CHERMAYEFF, wife BARBARA CHERMAYEFF, former residents of 45 Linnean Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, present residence 28 Lincoln Street, New Haven, Connecticut maintain a good credit record. The records disclosed SERGE CHERMAYEFF was employed at Harvard University.

ARREST

On May 24, 1963, Chief of Police FRANK DAVENPORT Wellfleet Police Department, Wellfleet, Massachusetts advised Special Agent [] there was no arrest record in the records of said department for the applicant.

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On May 16, 1963, Chief DAVID NICOLL, Andover Police Department, Andover, Massachusetts advised Special Agent [] the records of said department did not disclose an arrest record for the applicant.

On May 17, 1963, personnel of the Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all traffic and criminal conviction records within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts advised Investigative Clerk [] there was no arrest record for the applicant. The records disclosed the following record for []

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The records disclosed the following record for SERGE I. CHERMAYEFF, born October 8, 1900 in Russia, residence, 44 Linnean Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, height, 6'2",

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weight, 150, complexion, medium; occupation, professor of architecture; wife, BARBARA CHERMAYEFF.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Offense</u> | <u>Court</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 10/20/51 | Speeding | Newburyport, Massachusetts | \$10 fine paid |
| 1/4/55 | Speeding | Hingham, Massachusetts | \$10 fine paid |
| 1/4/55 | Failure keep to the right | Hingham | Filed |
| 3/2/57 | Failure to stop at red light | Concord, Massachusetts | Filed, \$5 expense paid |
| 3/2/57 | Driving with- out license | Concord | \$10 fine paid |
| 5/26/60 | No motor vehicle inspec- tion sticker | Cambridge | \$10 fine paid |

There was no record for BARBARA CHERMAYEFF or for

[REDACTED]

On May 23, 1963, personnel of the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the Boston Police Department, Boston, Massachusetts advised Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] there was no arrest record for the applicant in the records of said Bureau.

On June 7, 1963, Detective [REDACTED] Cambridge Police Department, Cambridge, Massachusetts advised there was no record in the files of said department for SERGE CHERMAYEFF, BARBARA CHERMAYEFF or [REDACTED]

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"The New York Times," a metropolitan daily newspaper, in its edition of May 10, 1961, published the following:

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"AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY:

"The struggle against Communism in the Western hemisphere will not be won by brandishing the Big Stick. None of us approves the Castro regime's repression of civil liberties within Cuba, nor its dependence on the Communist bloc. But we believe the United States' attempt to destroy Castro fails to come to grips with the meaning of the recent Cuban experience, and seriously endangers the pursuit of our most vital interests in world affairs.

"It is now a matter of record that the attempt at counter-revolution was planned, organized, and directed by an agency of the United States government. This agency, acting in secret and deceiving both the American people and the Cuban rebels--particularly the most democratic among those rebels--, has blundered in an inexcusable and almost inconceivable manner. But this was more than a failure of technique; it was a failure of policy itself.

"The major premise of U. S. Cuban policy for at least a year has been that we must crush Castro. Indeed, when certain of today's rebel leaders were still members of the Castro government, the United States had already demonstrated its disenchantment with the Cuban Revolution. Our enormous economic power, which might have been wielded to further Cuban democracy, was wasted in a fruitless effort to weaken and undermine the new regime. Whether from aversion to evolution, or from fear of expropriation of American property, our government acted so as to encourage those tendencies towards dictatorship and anti-Americanism latent in any Latin American social upheaval. The United States' determination to isolate Cuba made the Soviet bloc Castro's only source of military and economic supprt. This resulted, as has happened so often before, in a sharp increase in the power of the local Communist party.

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"Today, Castro may well, in fact, represent a threat to the security of the Americas. But this is not primarily a military threat. The danger Castro poses is clear: that by subversion or example his particular brand of social revolution will spread through Latin America. The burden, then, is on us. It requires a vastly greater effort than we have yet made to demonstrate that genuine social reform is compatible with democratic institutions.

"Meanwhile, any further effort to destroy Castro would serve only to intensify terror within Cuba. A more formidable American-inspired rebel invasion, or the sending of American troops would, we believe, have still more disastrous consequences. 'Victory' by American intervention would require bloody war and prolonged occupation. Can anyone believe that a free Cuban government would emerge from these circumstances? More important, even if we did succeed, by such means, in replacing Castro, we would still have done far greater damage to ourselves than to international Communism. We would have established anti-Americanism as the central theme of Latin-American politics for decades to come.

"Already, Mr. President, in the view of such cautious and responsible journals as the Manchester Guardian and the Observer, the CIA fiasco has undone much of the good your administration has achieved in the world arena, and substantially weakened Ambassador Adlai Stevenson's effectiveness in the United Nations. Your threat to impose our will in the Caribbean, whatever the wishes of the other American states, and in violation of inter-American agreements, has created widespread suspicion that the United States will reorient its foreign policy in the direction of Soviet-style power politics. Further intervention in Cuba will give the lie to our professions of respect for treaty obligations, and will make it much more difficult for us to persuade the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America that we will act towards them with understanding.

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"We, therefore, endorse the resolution adopted by the Cuba Protest Meeting held at Harvard University on April 26, 1961:

"RESOLVED: that the United States Government should:

1. reverse the present drift towards American military intervention in Cuba;
2. give no further support for the invasion of Cuba by exile groups;
3. seek instead to detach the Castro regime from the Communist bloc by working for a diplomatic detente and a resumption of trade relations; and
4. concentrate its constructive efforts on eliminating in other parts of Latin America the social conditions on which totalitarian nationalism feeds.

"We are distressed that there has been so little public discussion of the alternatives to present U.S. Cuban policy. With a few notable exceptions, debate has centered on the varieties of intervention rather than on the decision to intervene. In the press, consideration has been circumscribed by an uncritical acceptance of the early decision to overthrow Castro and more recently, by an equally uncritical acquiescence in the call for national unit. We believe that there are alternatives, that debate is necessary--though it would be foolish to suggest that the alternatives can be seized without courage and patience. The first imperative is a cooling-off period, and an announcement of our willingness to test the sincerity of the Cuban offer to negotiate differences.

"We regard this issue as a crucial and revealing measure of our desire to assume responsibility for new directions in foreign affairs. Surely we have confidence enough in the ways of freedom to accept this challenge.

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There followed a list of signers which included SERGE CHERMAYEFF, Professor of Architecture, Harvard.

Following the list of signers the advertisement set forth.

"Partial list

"This statement, drafted by members of the Harvard faculty, was circulated informally among scholars and intellectuals in the Boston area. Its publication was financed by those listed above, and other interested persons in the academic community. The advertisement is an independent response to the Cuban crisis, and has no connection with any existing organizations. Statement on Cuba, 4 Humboldt St., Cambridge 38, Mass."

On May 14, 1961, BS T-7 advised that on May 14, 1961 [redacted] Harvard University, whose name was included in the list of signers in the above advertisement, made the following statement concerning the Cuba Protest Committee:

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The Cuba Protest Committee had been formed by a group of individuals in Cambridge, Massachusetts who were graduate students and junior Harvard faculty members who were interested in protesting American military intervention in Cuba. The Cuba Protest Committee had no reason for existing other than to submit its protest and that it was not connected with any other organization. The individuals interested in the Cuba Protest Committee were primarily and basically individuals employed in the educational field. The Cuba Protest Committee is no regular body in being in that it had no organization, officers, members or headquarters.

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Immigration and Naturalization Service Records, Information Section, Central Office, Washington, D.C., revealed SERGE IVAN CHERMAYEFF was born October 8, 1900, at Odessa, Russia. He entered the United States on April 3, 1940 at Newport, Vermont, and was naturalized under Certificate No. C-6652770 on March 18, 1946, in the United States District Court, New York City, New York.

The 1951 Directory of the Illinois Institute of Technology revealed SERGE CHERMAYEFF as the Director of the Institute of Design, 632 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Harvard University Directory of Officers and Students, 1960-1961 set forth SERGE IVAN CHERMAYEFF, Ph.D. (Hon) was a Professor of Architecture, residence 45 Linnaean Street; office, Robinson Hall. The same directory for 1961-1962 set forth similar information for SERGE IVAN CHERMAYEFF and added he had been absent from February 1, 1962.

On June 4, 1963, personnel of the Harvard University Information Office, Cambridge advised that SERGE CHERMAYEFF is no longer a member of the Harvard University Faculty. He departed from Harvard on June 30, 1962 to become a member of the faculty of Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

On November 23, 1963 BS T-1 advised SERGE CHERMAYEFF's residence was 45 Lincoln Street, New Haven, Connecticut as of November 15, 1962.

On February 22, 1949, BS T-2, a law enforcement agency that conducts security type investigations, made available a list of names of individuals who sponsored an address by the [redacted] Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, England. This address was delivered on November 27, 1948 at the Chicago Opera House under the auspices of the Chicago Council of American - Soviet Friendship. Among the names on this list was "Chermayeff, President, Institute of Design."

On September 22, 1949, BS T-3 advised that Mr. SERGE CHERMAYEFF, President, Institute of Design, 632 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, was on the mailing list of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

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During August, 1948, BS T-4 advised that the Chicago Council of American - Soviet Friendship is an affiliate of the National Council of American - Soviet Friendship.

The National Council of American - Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" on February 28, 1949, page 1, column 3, noted that Chief Justice JAMES H. WOLFE of the State of Utah had on the previous day denounced the Government's prosecution of the National Communist leaders "for mere advocacy of their political views." The article further set out the name of SERGE CHERMAYEFF, Director, Chicago Institute of Design, as one of the signers of a petition appealing to the Attorney General of the United States to suspend "these political prosecutions," and termed the indictment of the National Communist leaders as a "most shocking exercise of state power."

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

"The Worker," Illinois edition dated September, 24, 1950, page 8, columns 4 and 5, carried an article entitled "Don't Sign Bill Destroying United States Democracy Truman Told." This article told of a "strong statement protesting separation of representative legislation in any form," which was sent to Washington, D.C. early that week by prominent Chicago citizens. The article continued "the statement sent to President TRUMAN, Senators LUCAS and DOUGLAS, and Chicago Congressmen" was signed by SERGE CHERMAYEFF, among others.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

The "Daily Worker" in its edition of January 29, 1954, page 2, contained an article which listed the names of numerous "prominent Americans" including two Nobel Prize Winners "who joined in a 'Friend of the Court' brief submitted to the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court in behalf of a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, it was announced today by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg case."*

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"Their appeal was submitted as part of an amicus brief in support of SOBELL's appeal to the High Court on grounds of new evidence that major prosecution witnesses committed perjury." Among the names of those "prominent Americans" listed was that of one Professor SERGE CHERMAYEFF, Cambridge, Massachusetts, educator.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG on March 29, 1951, in the Southern District of New York of conspiracy to commit espionage. On April 15, 1951, MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to a term of 30 years.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published December 1, 1961 to supersede Guide published on January 2, 1957, and prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG Case:

"1. Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL' the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case--a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were [REDACTED]

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

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On April 7, 1949, BS T-2 made available a list of sponsors of a World Peace Meeting held at the Chicago Civic Opera House on April 6, 1949 under the auspices of the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions. Included in this list of sponsors was the name of SERGE CHERMAYEFF.

On June 28, 1949, BS T-4 advised that the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions is the Chicago Division of the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions.

During 1950, BS T-5 advised that SERGE CHERMAYEFF was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published December 1, 1961 to supersede Guide published on January 2, 1957, and prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions:

"1. Cited as a Communist front.

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1954 on the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, April 26, 1950, originally released April 19, 1949, p. 2)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which is 'used to appeal to special occupational groups ***'

"(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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On October 22, 1950, BS T-6 furnished a release issued by the Peace Information Center, 799 Broadway, New York, New York, dated August 14, 1950. This release, captioned "Partial List of Prominent Americans Endorsing the World Peace Appeal," included the name of SERGE CHERMAYEFF, Institute of Design, Chicago.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published December 1, 1961 to supersede Guide published on January 2, 1957, and prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, US House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Peace Information Center:

"1. Cited as an organization which was responsible for circulating the Stockholm Peace Petition. Its [redacted] an identified Communist."

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"(Committee on Un-American Activities, statement issued on the March of Treason, February 19, 1951, p. 2; and House Report 378 on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, originally released April 1, 1951, pp. 40 and 42.)"

"2. Cited as a Communist front 'active in the recent peace offensive after World War II.'"

"(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 96, also p. 59.)"

"The Worker" in an Illinois edition dated May 22, 1949, page 1A, columns 2 and 3, reported "275 prominent Illinois citizens signed an open letter on that date urging that Congress reject the Atlantic Pact and called upon President TRUMAN to settle issues now outstanding through direct negotiation with the Soviet Union." Among the signers of this open letter as carried in "The Worker" was SERGE CHERMAYEFF, President, Institute of Design.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

June 10, 1963

Title IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Character VOICE OF AMERICAN
(U. S. INFORMATION AGENCY)
Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] dated and captioned as above,
at Boston, Massachusetts

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SA [redacted] interviewed [redacted] on 5/14/61 by use of a pretext phone call to [redacted] home. SA [redacted] identified himself as one [redacted] of San Francisco and stated he was willing to furnish funds to the Cuban Protest Committee if the need for such still existed.

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The Boston indices do not disclose any references for the applicant, BARBARA CHERMAYEFF or for [redacted]. The Boston files do not contain any pertinent information on [redacted].

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Bureau airtel 9/14/68 to New York instructed Boston to review Boston file [redacted] and report pertinent information. A review of Boston file [redacted] captioned [redacted] did not disclose any information deemed pertinent to instant investigation. The Boston files do not disclose any information on [redacted] or on the Committee to Present the Major Issues other than that set forth in Boston letter dated 12/29/61 to the Bureau captioned [redacted].

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It is noted SERGE IVAN CHERMAYEFF was a subject of Boston file captioned "SERGE IVAN CHERMAYEFF, VISIT OF AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION COMMITTEE TO USSR, 1959; IS-R," Boston file 100-27228, Bureau file 100-381390. New Haven was designated office of origin in this case on 12/20/62, pertinent serials were forwarded to New Haven on that date and accordingly the Boston file is not complete.

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Field Office File No.: 151-66

Bureau File No.: 123-15869

Title: IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Character: VOICE OF AMERICA (U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis:

Neighborhood investigation favorable. Results of credit and arrest checks set forth. SERGE CHERMAYEFF, Professor of Architecture, Harvard University, was among the signers of an advertisement placed in the New York Times on 5/10/61 by the Cuba Protest Committee which protested U.S. military intervention in Cuba. SERGE CHERMAYEFF was on the mailing list of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship in September, 1949. 2/28/49 and 9/24/50 issues of the "Daily Worker" listed SERGE CHERMAYEFF among signers of a petition appealing to the U.S. Attorney General to suspend political prosecution of National Communist leaders and among signers of a statement to President TRUMAN protesting separation of representative legislation in any form. 1/29/54 issue of the "Daily Worker" listed SERGE CHERMAYEFF as one who joined in a "Friend of the Court" brief submitted to Supreme Court in behalf of a new trial for MORTON SOBELL. During 1950, BS T-5 advised SERGE CHERMAYEFF was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. Release issued 8/14/50 by Peace Information Center, NYC, included SERGE CHERMAYEFF on a list endorsing World Peace Appeal. 5/22/49 issue of "The Worker" listed SERGE CHERMAYEFF among signers of an open letter urging President TRUMAN to settle issues through direct negotiation with the Soviet Union.

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By use of a pretext on May 14, 1961 the following was determined concerning the Cuba Protest Committee:

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Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] dated and captioned as above,
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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

BS T-2 is a law enforcement agency that conducts security type investigations.

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In CSC investigative report comments are set forth in interview with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The proper spelling of this name is [REDACTED] and several attempts were made to recontact [REDACTED] with negative results.

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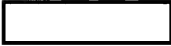
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Several confidential informants mentioned in
this report and not further identified are as follows:



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IVAN CHERMAYEFF

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VOICE OF AMERICA
(UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis:

Neighborhoods favorable except neighborhood at 969 Lexington Avenue, NY, NY, where former neighbor commented applicant untidy, not of good character, and would not recommend applicant as representative of the US. Information associating reference SILAS RHODES with APM, Robert Louis Stevenson School, Cartoonists and Illustrators School, and invoking Fifth Amendment before Senate Investigation Subcommittee on 1/18/56, set out. SERGE CHERMAYEFF, in contact with CEDRIC BELFRAGE, former Soviet agent and editor of "National Guardian," 1946. Also attended dinner of National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, 1949, and on Executive Committee of National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., 1945. BSS negative. Confidential informants do not know.

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DETAILS:

This case was referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) under the provisions of Public Law 298, 82nd Congress.

Neighborhood

301 East 21st Street
New York, New York

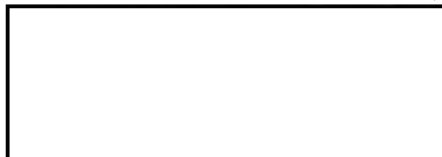
On May 21, 1963, [redacted] advised that he recalls the SERGE CHERMAYEFF family residing in Apartment 14B either in 1946 or 1947. [redacted] advised he was first employed at the above address from [redacted] and recalls only that the CHERMAYEFF family had an apartment which they later subleased to two girls. He advised he only observed Mr. CHERMAYEFF on two occasions and therefore could not comment concerning him or his family.

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[redacted] advised that the present [redacted] [redacted] was not employed at this address during the time the CHERMAYEFF family lived there and there are no persons who would recall them in the apartment house at the present time.

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On May 21, 1963, the following persons were contacted at which time they advised they did not recall the CHERMAYEFF family:



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14 Bank Street
New York, New York

On May 21, 1963, [redacted]
[redacted] advised that she has been
at this address since 1960, and did not recall the appli-
cant. She advised that [redacted] of 14 Bank Street
are [redacted]
[redacted] and the only tenant at 14
Bank Street who would recall the applicant is [redacted]
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On May 21, 1963, [redacted]
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[redacted] advised they did not recall the applicant.

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On May 22, 1963, [redacted] advised
that she and her husband are [redacted]
[redacted] and she recalls the applicant
and his wife as tenants for about 2 years during 1955-
1957. She advised that the applicant was employed as
an artist in some capacity and believes that for a
time he was self employed and did some art work in his
apartment. She advised that the applicant and his
wife were quiet, good tenants and caused no trouble

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whatsoever. She advised that she knew of no reason to question the applicant's loyalty to the United States and stated they had good reputations while tenants at 14 Bank Street. She further stated that she knew of no reason why the applicant should not be considered for a position of trust and confidence with the government. She further advised that she never met the applicant's family but has heard that his father is an architect.

On May 24, 1963, [redacted] [redacted] advised that she recalls the applicant and his wife as residing at 14 Bank Street during 1955, until the fall of 1957. She advised the applicant was some sort of artist and was working commercially in his apartment for a time. She advised that she recalls a conversation with the applicant's wife, SAR, at which time she advised that the applicant's father was a professor of architecture at Harvard University. She also advised that [redacted]

[redacted] She advised that she does not recall the applicant's father visiting him but the applicant's wife did mention him several times to her. She advised she could furnish no other background information regarding the applicant and stated that he was a perfect gentleman, was quiet, and had a good reputation while residing at the above address.

[redacted] advised she knew of no

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reason to question the applicant's loyalty to the United States and knew of no reason why he should not be employed in a position of trust and confidence with the government.

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969 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

On May 24, 1963, [redacted] advised that he [redacted] 969 Lexington Avenue, [redacted] the Esplanade Restaurant at the same address. He also advised that [redacted] rented an apartment to the applicant from the fall of 1957 until about May of [redacted]. He stated that the applicant lived there with his wife and they had one child while living there. [redacted] stated that his association with the applicant was limited strictly to [redacted] relationship and does not know anything concerning his background. He advised further that the applicant's father is a Professor at Harvard University who visited the applicant on at least one occasion. He advised that the applicant left on his own accord but he had a little difficulty with the applicant involving the apartment. He stated the applicant complained about the heat and various small matters and that he would probably describe their difficulty as a personality clash. He stated he knew of nothing unfavorable concerning the applicant and knew of no reason to question his loyalty to the United States.

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He advised that there are only two persons available who would recall the applicant and that the other tenants had all moved. He advised these persons are [redacted]
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On May 27, 1963, [redacted] advised that she recalls the applicant and his wife as living at this address during the above period. She stated that she did not consider the applicant and his wife to be persons of good character in that they were untidily dressed, left their garbage and trash in front of the door for excessive periods and kept their apartment in an untidy manner. She further advised that she never spoke to the applicant or his wife or any person who visited them. She advised that the visitors to their apartment were all the type from Greenwich Village who would come for parties. She advised that the parties

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were not excessively noisy but the persons would at times throw their coats and wraps over the stair-rail and clutter up the hallway. She advised that due to the applicant's personal habits which she considered to be uncouth she would not recommend him for a position in which he became a representative of the United States. She further advised that she knew of no reason to question the applicant's loyalty to the United States.

[redacted] advised on May 27, 1963, that she recalls the applicant and his wife but never spoke to them or became associated with them in any manner. She advised that the applicant was not gracious and did not exhibit any manners to the persons residing in the building. She advised that when they moved in, the applicant painted his door red and would have parties which were attended by persons whom she considered to be "beatniks". She stated that the applicant wanted her to sign a petition at one time against the landlord involving the lack of heat which she refused to do. She advised that she has no opinion regarding the applicant's morals and knew of no reason to question his loyalty to the United States. She advised that she never met the applicant's family or knew of them visiting him, and stated that she would rather not furnish a recommendation for the applicant based upon the above comments.

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References

In a subsequently mentioned report by [redacted] CSC, an interview is set forth with SILAS RHODES, Director, School of Visual Arts, 209 East 23rd Street, New York, New York, who was listed by the applicant as a reference. It is noted that RHODES advised that the applicant has been teaching graphic design in this school during the evenings for about five years, as of April, 1963.

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In 1956, the FBI conducted a security-type investigation concerning SILAS HARVEY RHODES, applicant's reference, and the results were furnished to the CSC.

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On January 2, 1958, [redacted] advised he teaches at the School of Visual Arts, 245 East 23rd Street, New York, New York, which is owned and operated by SILAS H. RHODES.

On April 8, 1949, [redacted] Eron Preparatory School, advised that he had learned from students that RHODES, while working for the Veterans Administration (VA), influenced veterans to attend the Robert Louis Stevenson School.

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On February 21, 1956, Columbia University, Teachers College, records reflected that RHODES was Associate Director of the Robert L. Stevenson School, New York City, 1946-47.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were reviewed on January 25, 1956, and reflected that as of November, 1953, SILAS H. RHODES was president of the Cartoonists and Illustrators School, Incorporated, 245 East 23rd Street, New York, New York, and had been so connected since May, 1947.

On January 12, 1955, a representative of the

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Bureau of Special Services (BSS). New York City Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that their records reflected that SILAS RHODES, 41 West 82nd Street, New York, New York, was on the mailing list of the American Peace Mobilization (APM) in September, 1941.

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The APM has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

These records also reflected RHODES attended meetings of the APM from January 4, 1941 to July 23, 1941, and was chairman of a meeting on March 15, 1941.

On January 18, 1956, SILAS RHODES, Director of the Cartoonists and Illustrators School, testified under oath before the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations, United States Senate, which was a public session. Except for stating that he attended Public School 50 in the Bronx, RHODES refused to answer questions relating to the period of his life prior to 1947, basing his refusal on the Fifth Amendment.

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Miscellaneous

On the applicant's Standard Form 86, Security Investigation Data for Sensitive Position form, he stated that his father is SERGE CHERMAYEFF, presently residing at 28 Lincoln Street, New Haven, Connecticut. Among the former addresses listed by the applicant for New York City was 301 East 21st Street, New York, New York.

The following is noted concerning SERGE CHERMAYEFF:

In January of 1946, New York T-2 advised that SERGE CHERMAYOFF, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York, had communicated with CEDRIC BELFRAGE on January 9, 1946.

Who's Who in America, Volume 31, 1960-61, page 520, reflects in part as follows:

"CHERMAYEFF, SERGE, architect, artist; born Caucasus, Oct. 8, 1900; *** came to U.S., 1940, *** prof., Chmn. dept. of designs, Brooklyn Coll., 1942-47, **** prof. architecture Harvard, 1953....."

The following is noted concerning CEDRIC BELFRAGE:



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The "New York Times" issue of August 16, 1955, page 9, contains an item which states that CEDRIC BELFRAGE, founder and co-editor of the "National Guardian", was deported from the United States on August 15, 1955, and that the deportation had been ordered, "on grounds of Communist Party membership."

A characterization of the "National Guardian" appears in the Appendix section of this report.

From March 25th through March 27, 1949, a Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace was held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

A characterization of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions appears in the Appendix section of this report.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 10, 1949, (page 3, column 3) contains an article stating that "More than 200 artists, scientists, educators and clergymen issued a call yesterday for a cultural and scientific conference in March, to seek a basis for common action for world peace. Dr. HARLOW SHAPLEY, Chairman of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, issued the call for the conference to be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel here from March 25 through the 27th.

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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New York T-1 identified among other persons SERGE CHERMAYOFF as being seated on the dais at the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace.

In the May 10, 1961 issue of the "New York Times" there appeared an article entitled "US Urged to Bar Aid for Cuba Raid. Forty one Harvard teachers among 70 signing resolution." This article read as follows:

"Seventy professors and writers including 41 faculty members of Harvard University have endorsed a resolution urging the US to give no further support for the invasion of Cuba by exile groups.

"In an advertisement in the NY Times printed today in the form of an open letter to President KENNEDY, the signers condemned Washington's policy towards Premier FIDEL CASTRO and charged that the determination of the US to isolate Cuba made the Soviet bloc CASTRO's only source of military and economic support.

"The resolution was adopted at a Cuba protest meeting at Harvard, April 26, 1961."

Appearing on the list of 41 names was the name of SERGE CHERMAYEFF, Harvard University. CHERMAYEFF was not further identified.

In a Report of Investigation, United States Civil Service Commission, by [redacted] page 11, information is set forth reflecting that the applicant's father is a Professor of Architecture at Harvard University.

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In 1945, information was received concerning the Architects Committee of the National Council of American - Soviet Friendship, Incorporated (NCASF).

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

New York T-2 advised in 1945, that on June 14, 1945, [redacted] the Architects Committee, had furnished to [redacted] [redacted] the NCASF, a list of proposed activities of the Architects Committee during the summer of 1945.

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Appearing on the list as being on the Executive Committee was the name SERGE CHERMAYOFF (Architect).

Participants of Panel III dealing with industrial buildings, reflected the name SERGE CHERMAYOFF, Chairman, Department of Design, Brooklyn College, and as part of the agenda for Panel III on industrial building was the name Mr. SERGE CHERMAYOFF speaking on interior and exterior appearance.

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The files of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, were made available to SA [redacted] on May 27, 1963, by Inspector [redacted]. No further additional information was noted regarding the applicant and his family.

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Several confidential informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area were contacted during May, 1963, and advised that they do not know the applicant and his family members.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions:

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1954 on the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, April 26, 1950, originally released April 19, 1949, p.2.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which is 'used to appeal to special occupational groups * * *'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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Title:

IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Character:

VOICE OF AMERICA
(UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis:

Neighborhoods favorable except neighborhood at 969 Lexington Avenue, NY, NY, where former neighbor commented applicant untidy, not of good character, and would not recommend applicant as representative of the US. Information associating reference SILAS RHODES with APM, Robert Louis Stevenson School, Cartoonists and Illustrators School, and invoking Fifth Amendment before Senate Investigation Subcommittee on 1/18/56, set out. Applicant's father, SERGE CHERMAYEFF, in contact with CEDRIC BELFRAGE, former Soviet agent and editor of "National Guardian", 1946. Also attended dinner of National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, 1949, and on Executive Committee of National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., 1945. BSS negative. Confidential informants do not know.

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J REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field, dated 5/13/63.

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One copy of this report is being furnished to the New Haven Office in order that their background information concerning the Applicant's father, SERGE CHERIAYEFF, will be more complete.

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Title:

IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Character:

VOICE OF AMERICA (U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis:

Informants advised in 1941 that one SERGE CHERMAYEFF received the DPW at 3315 Robinson Drive, Oakland, and at 2945 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco. School records, Oakland Public Schools, show that IVAN CHERMAYEFF resided at 3315 Robinson Drive, Oakland, in 1940-41, and listed his father as SERGE CHERMAYEFF. Credit and police records concerning Applicant and family clear.

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DETAILS:

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On June 7, 1963, [redacted] Child Accounting Department, Oakland Public School System, 1025 Second Avenue, advised that their records show that IVAN CHERMAYEFF, born June 6, 1932, in London, England, entered the Oakland Public Schools on September 23, 1940. He resided at 3315 Robinson Drive, Oakland, with his father, SERGE CHERMAYEFF, an architect; his mother BARBARA CHERMAYEFF; [redacted] IVAN CHERMAYEFF transferred to the San Francisco Public Schools in June, 1941. [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On June 7, 1963, [redacted] Attendance Bureau, San Francisco Unified School District, 170 Fell Street, advised that she could locate no school record concerning IVAN CHERMAYEFF, also known as IVAN ISSAKOVITCH or [redacted] She stated that all of their old records had been microfilmed, but that the cards had not been properly alphabetized before the process took place, so it was possible that their school attendance cards had been misfiled years ago and, therefore, could not be located in their proper place.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CHERMAYEFF FAMILY

The San Francisco City Directory for 1940 and 1943 contained no information concerning the CHERMAYEFF family. However, the 1942 City Directory showed that [redacted] resided at [redacted]

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SF T-1, who is unavailable for recontact, in April, 1941, advised that Mrs. CHERMAYEFF on April 25, 1941 contacted the Circularization Department of the "Daily People's World" and advised that she was back in town and wanted the paper resumed at her present address, 3315 Robinson Drive, Oakland, California.

The "People's World," formerly the "Daily People's World," is a West Coast communist newspaper.

SF T-2, who is unavailable for recontact, in October, 1941, advised that the "Daily People's World" Office was contacted by an individual on October 24, 1941, who furnished a change of address for SERGE CHERMAYEFF from 3315 Robinson Drive, Oakland, California, to 2945 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco.

SF T-3, who is unavailable for recontact, in January, 1944, advised that two tickets and reservations for a dinner held January 18, 1941 at San Francisco, were ordered for SERGE CHERMAYEFF, 1632 Taylor Street, San Francisco, from the Civil Rights Council of Northern California.

Information concerning the Civil Rights Council of Northern California is contained in the Appendix.

SF T-4, who is unavailable for recontact, on September 18, 1944, advised that records at the headquarters of the Communist Political Association, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, then contained information indicating that the Committee for Citizenship Rights, 83 Mc Allister Street, San Francisco, had been contacted in January, 1942 by an individual concerning the mailing address for SERGE CHERMAYEFF. This information indicated that the Committee for Citizenship Rights had been directing mail to CHERMAYEFF at 1632 Taylor Street, San Francisco, and that CHERMAYEFF had used that

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address as a mailing address. Subsequently, however, he moved to Oakland, California, then back to San Francisco, and at the time of this contact, in 1942, he was living in New York City.

The Communist Political Association has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Information concerning the Committee for Citizenship Rights is contained in the Appendix.

The following investigation was conducted by IC

[REDACTED]

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED]
San Francisco Retail Credit Association, on May 27, 1963, advised he could locate no credit record for SERGE or IVAN CHERMAYEFF; BARBARA CHERMAYEFF, [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by IC

[REDACTED]

Officer [REDACTED] San Francisco Police Department, Bureau of Identification, on May 27, 1963, advised he could locate no record for the above mentioned people.

The following investigation was conducted by IC

[REDACTED]

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

On May 28, 1963, records of the Oakland Police Department disclosed no record for the above mentioned people.

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On May 28, 1963, [REDACTED] Credit
Bureau of the Greater East Bay, advised that she could
locate no record for the above mentioned people.

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CIVIL RIGHTS COUNCIL
OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Cited as a Communist organization which was a branch of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

California Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1943, p. 97; also cited by California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 163.

The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE FOR CITIZENSHIP
RIGHTS

Defended the "interests of the Communist Party."

Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 95.

Among a "maze of organizations" which were "spawned for the alleged purpose of defending civil liberties in general but actually intended to protect Communist subversion from any penalties under the law."

Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1115 on the Civil Rights Congress, November 17, 1947, originally released September 2, 1947, p. 3.

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IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Character:

VOICE OF AMERICA (U. S. INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis:

Informants advised in 1941 that SERGE CHERMAYEFF, Applicant's father, received DPM, both in Oakland and San Francisco, California. Credit and police records concerning Applicant and family clear.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California
June 10, 1963

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Character VOICE OF AMERICA (U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY)

Reference Report of SA [redacted] dated b6
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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To: SACs, Boston
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From: Director, FBI

IVAN CHERMAYEFF, aka
VOA (USIA)
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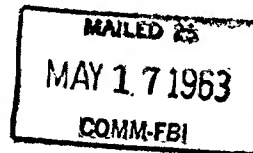
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5-18-61, pages 19, 54, 55, and 57 refer to Serge Chermayeff.

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3 refers to Serge Chermayeff.

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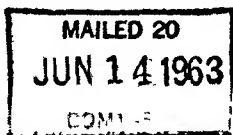
Rerep SA 6/10/63.

Synopsis reveals applicant's father received D.W. Details do not contain this positive identification. If positive identification, include source urep.

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New York will review following files and report
pertinent information:

[redacted] report of SA [redacted]
2-11-46, page 12, refers to Serge Chermayeff.

[redacted]
100-7518, report of SA [redacted]
10-30-45, pages 30, 42, and 43, refers to
Serge Chermayeff.

(100-146964-639)

100-93553, report of SA [redacted]
4-22-49, page 63, refers to Serge Chermayeff.

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Reurlet 10-25-61, entitled, "Committee to
Present the Major Issues," which refers to
[redacted]

Chicago will review following files and report
pertinent information:

100-19025, report of SA [redacted]
11-3-47, page 13, refers to Serge Chermayeff.

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[redacted] report of SA [redacted]
1-30-56, page 2, refers to Ivan and Serge Chermayeff.

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100-25526, report of SA [redacted]
11-30-53, page 6, refers to Serge Chermayeff.

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138-995, report of SA [redacted] (100-407166-1)
9-12-62, page 13, refers to Serge Chermayeff.

Boston will review following files and report (138-4581-16)
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REFERENCES: Bureau letter to Washington Field dated 5/13/63,
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INFORMANTS

The following informants were contacted with negative results concerning IVAN CHERMAYEFF and SERGE CHERMAYEFF:

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Chicago T-1 is Industrial Detail of Chicago Police Department by report to the Chicago Office.

Chicago T-2 is [redacted] who was contacted by SA [redacted] on June 28, 1949.

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Chicago T-3 is [redacted] who made the information available to SA [redacted] on October 19, 1950 (requested).

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Character: VOICE OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Synopsis: Director of Institute of Design, Illinois Institute of Technology, advised no additional information concerning IVAN CHERMAYEFF, and that father, SERGE CHERMAYEFF, was former Director of Institute of Design. Informants advise SERGE CHERMAYEFF listed as sponsor of Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship and Chicago Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. Progressive Party candidates list signed by SERGE CHERMAYEFF in 1950. Other informants familiar with some phases of communist activities in the Chicago area have no information concerning IVAN or SERGE CHERMAYEFF.

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DETAILS:

Education

Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT)
3300 South Federal
Chicago, Illinois

On June 6, 1963, [redacted] Institute of Design, advised his records do not reveal any information concerning IVAN CHERMAYEFF. He said he is not acquainted with him, but knows that he attended the school and was the son of SERGE CHERMAYEFF, former Director when the school was located at 632 North Dearborn Street, Chicago.

[redacted] advised he has been at the school since [redacted] and is not acquainted with SERGE CHERMAYEFF or his son, IVAN, and can suggest no one presently at IIT who would know IVAN CHERMAYEFF.

Miscellaneous

In February, 1949, Chicago T-1, an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area, made available a list of names of individuals who sponsored an address under the auspices of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship. Among the names appearing on this list was "Chermayeff, President Serge, Institute of Design."

The Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship is characterized hereinafter,

Chicago T-1, in April, 1949, made available a list of sponsors of a World Peace Meeting, which was to be held on April 6, 1949, under the auspices of the Chicago Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions at the Chicago Civic Opera House. Among the names appearing on this list was that of SERGE CHERMAYEFF.

Chicago T-2 in June, 1949, advised that the Chicago Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions is the Chicago Division of the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, which is a communist front organization.

National Council of the Arts,
Sciences and Professions

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1954 on the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, April 26, 1950, originally released April 19, 1949, p. 2.)

2. Cited as a Communist front which is "used to appeal to special occupational groups..."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

Chicago T-3, in October, 1950, advised that a letter was addressed by the Progressive Party, 170 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, to the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, dated August 29, 1950. This letter, according to Chicago T-3, contained a list of candidates of the Progressive Party to be placed on the ballot in the November election. The signers included SERGE CHERMAYEFF, Director, Institute of Design, Illinois Institute of Technology.

Progressive Party

1. "The progressive Party, including its California branch, certainly ranks as one of the largest and most successful fronts ever created by the Communists."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1956, House Report 53, February 11, 1957, p. 34.)

2. "Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the Progressive Party.

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The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

Other confidential informants familiar with some phases of communist activity in the Chicago area advised IVAN and SERGE CHERMAYEFF are unknown to them, nor could they furnish information concerning them.

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APPENDIX

CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

EDWIN GORDON FOX, 7147 Jeffrey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, (now deceased), made available in January, 1954, the "First Annual Report CCASF," an undated publication which stated that the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF) was incorporated in July, 1943. This document stated, "The Council's affiliation with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) was validated August 11, (1943). The present name was adopted to conform to standard national practice. It should be noted, however, that the Chicago Council is entirely autonomous; the government of its affairs rests exclusively in the hands of its Chicago Executive Board."

A source advised on March 2, 1962, that the CCASF at its annual membership meeting held February 23, 1962, reaffirmed that the main aims of the Council for the year 1962 would be as they had been in the past, that of creating a program of activity with the objective of peaceful co-existence and friendship between the United States and the USSR.

This same source also advised on June 18, 1962, that the CCASF remains affiliated with the NCASF for the purpose of implementing its stated aims of peaceful co-existence and friendship with the USSR but continues to consider itself autonomous in the government of its affairs and program for achieving these aims. Although the CCASF considers itself autonomous in this regard, the leaders of the CCASF are frequently in contact with and its program closely follows that of the NCASF.

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
June 11, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 151-78

Title

IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Character

VOICE OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Reference

Report of Special Agent
 dated
and captioned as above,
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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| | | CHARACTER OF CASE VOA (USIA) | |

REFERENCES

Bulet to WFO dated 5/13/63.
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IVAN CHERMAYEFF

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Synopsis:

No record Personnel Division, USIA. USIA security file reveals applicant employed under contract to USIA from November, 1962, to April, 1963. Professional associates recommend favorably. No record Office of Security, Department of State. No pertinent identifiable information

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.EMPLOYMENT

The following investigation at United States Information Agency (USIA) was conducted on June 10, 1963, by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] Services Branch, Personnel Division, advised he could locate no record indicating the applicant had ever been an employee of USIA. The applicant's security file at USIA revealed a National Agency check was conducted in September, 1962, by USIA for possible use of the applicant's services on a purchase-order basis as a consultant and designer in the preparation of exhibits for the Information Center Service of USIA. This National Agency check disclosed no unfavorable information. The applicant's birth is recorded as being June 6, 1932, London, England. No additional pertinent information was noted.

[redacted] East-West Exchange Branch, Exhibits Division, Information Center Service, USIA, advised

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he first met the applicant about six months ago in connection with some work which the applicant did in designing an exhibit on the graphic arts for circulation in the Soviet Union.

[] stated the records of his office reveal the applicant was employed under Contract Number IA-9187, for the period from November 21, 1962, to April 29, 1963. He explained that the applicant worked on this exhibit on a part-time basis and that the work was performed in New York City in the applicant's office.

[] stated he had seen the applicant often professionally during this period and stated the work which the applicant did under this contract came under his supervision. He reported he had no reason to question the applicant's loyalty to the United States. He added that his character, reputation, and integrity appeared to be excellent so far as he could judge. He recommended the applicant for a government position of trust, commenting that he is an extremely capable, intelligent, serious, conscientious, and reliable person.

[] Exhibits Division, Information Center Service, USIA, who has known the applicant in a professional capacity during the past six months in connection with the applicant's work on the graphic arts exhibit, furnished substantially the same information as did [] and stated he knew of no reason why the applicant should not be employed in a position of trust and confidence.

MISCELLANEOUS

On May 24, 1963, SA [] determined there was no record for the applicant in the files of the Office of Security, Department of State.

SA [] caused a search to be made of the files of [] and was advised on June 6, 1963, that the files contained no pertinent identifiable information concerning the applicant.

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To: SAC, New Haven (151-31)
From: Director, FBI (123-15869)
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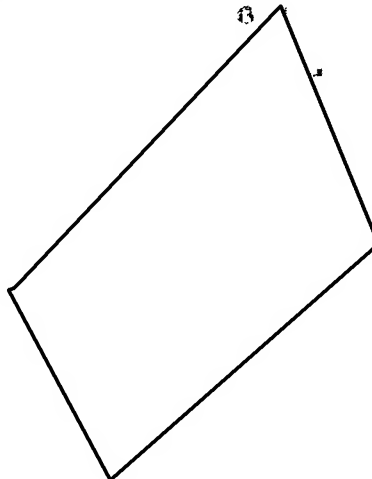
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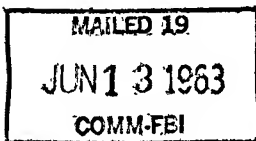
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Synopsis refers to 2-28-49 and 9-24-50 issues of DW. Page 11 refers to 2-28-49 issue of DW and 9-24-50 issue of "The Worker."

Page 9 rerep refers to "By use of a pretext." Refer to Handbook, Part I, page 59, last paragraph for proper method of reporting pretext interview in applicant type cases.

Since BS T-2 described page 10 it does not appear necessary to set forth same information on evaluation memorandum.

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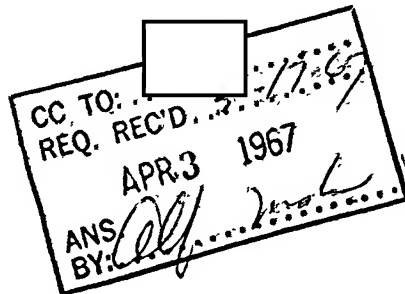
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Date:

June 14, 1963

Field Office File No.:

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Bureau File No.:

Title:

IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Character:

VOICE OF AMERICA (UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis:

Applicant's parents have no trade accounts recorded with New Haven Credit Bureau, but files contain credit report from Boston, Mass. reflecting satisfactory credit rating for them. No record for parents, New Haven Police Dept.

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DETAILS:Credit and Arrest Record

The following investigation was conducted at New Haven, Connecticut on June 14, 1963.

[REDACTED] New Haven Credit Bureau, 152 Temple Street, New Haven, Connecticut, advised records of her Bureau reflect several inquiries have been received from local merchants

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Date: 6/17/63

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Enclosed for Bureau are five copies each and for New Haven one copy each of amended page FD-204 and of evaluation memorandum for report of SA [redacted] 6/10/63.

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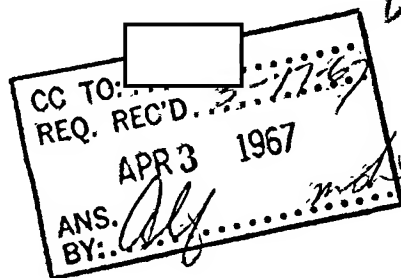
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Date:

7/11/63

Field Office File No.: 123-14602

Bureau File No.:

Title:

IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Character:

VOICE OF AMERICA
(UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY)

Synopsis:

No record located Passport Office. INS records reveal applicant derived citizenship through naturalization of parents in 1946 and was issued certificate of citizenship in 1951. Investigation instituted by INS regarding applicant's father in 1952 for possible denaturalization; however, investigation closed in 1955. In signed sworn statement furnished INS, applicant's father denied CP membership, stating he had never been a member of the "American-Soviet Council of Friendship" but did lend this organization his support. He stated he had been a member of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions for three or four years.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.MISCELLANEOUS

IC [REDACTED] caused a special search to be made of the files of the Passport Office, Department of State, and was advised on June 12, 1963, that no identifiable record regarding the applicant could be located. The passport records regarding the applicant's parents and [REDACTED] were checked; however, there was no indication the applicant had been included in any passports issued to the applicant's parents [REDACTED]

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The naturalization file pertaining to the applicant was reviewed on June 14, 1963, at the Central Office,

Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), by IC [redacted]
[redacted] This file revealed that the applicant, who was born June 6, 1932, at London, England, derived citizenship of the United States on March 18, 1946, through the naturalization of his parents, SERGE CHERMAYEFF and BARBARA CHERMAYEFF, on that date by the United States District Court, New York, New York. At the time of his parents' naturalization the applicant was under age eighteen, and had resided permanently in the United States since April 3, 1940. Certificate of Citizenship No. A-215452 was issued to the applicant under the name IVAN CHERMAYEFF on May 24, 1951.

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This file contained a communication dated January 23, 1953, indicating that the applicant's citizenship was considered for possible cancellation in view of cancellation proceedings then being considered regarding the applicant's father. The file fails to reveal that any further action was taken towards cancellation of the applicant's citizenship.

The INS file pertaining to the applicant's father, SERGE IVAN CHERMAYEFF, also known as SERGIUS IVAN ISSAKOWITCH, on July 9, 1963, revealed he was granted Certificate of Naturalization No. C-6652770 on March 18, 1946, in the United States District Court, New York, New York, under the name SERGE CHERMAYEFF.

The file reveals that on the basis of a security-type investigation of the applicant's father by the FBI in 1951, the INS in March, 1952, instituted an investigation of the applicant's father for possible denaturalization.

During the course of this INS investigation the applicant's father executed a signed sworn statement before representatives of INS on June 4, 1953, in which he testified he had never been a member of the Communist Party (CP) in the United States or any country. He further indicated that he was in complete disagreement with what the CP stood for. He testified he was never a member of the "American-Soviet Council of Friendship" but did lend this organization his support during World War II. He further testified he had been a member of the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions for the past three or four years but that he had never believed this organization to be a communist front organization.

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Further investigation of the applicant's father by INS failed to reveal any additional pertinent information. The investigation of the applicant's father was closed by INS in November, 1955, and no further action was taken in regards to denaturalization proceedings.

It is to be noted that the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in their report of 1954 regarding the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace.

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AIR MAIL

TO : SAC, WFO
DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (151-66)

SUBJECT: IVAN CHERMAYEFF, aka
VOA (USIA)

BUDED: 6/12/63

ReBulet to WFO 5/13/63.

On 6/7/63 [redacted] Clerk's Office, U. S. District Court, Boston, Mass., advised SA [redacted] there is no record in the files of said office for the naturalization of the applicant.

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On 6/7/63 [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Boston, advised SA [redacted] the letter "A" in the applicant's naturalization certificate #A-215452 indicates applicant has a derivative certificate of citizenship and that he derived his citizenship from one or both of his parents. [redacted] also advised citizenship by derivation is an administrative procedure, there is no court action, and the record of this naturalization would be in files of the Central Office, INS, Washington, D.C., under file number A-215452.

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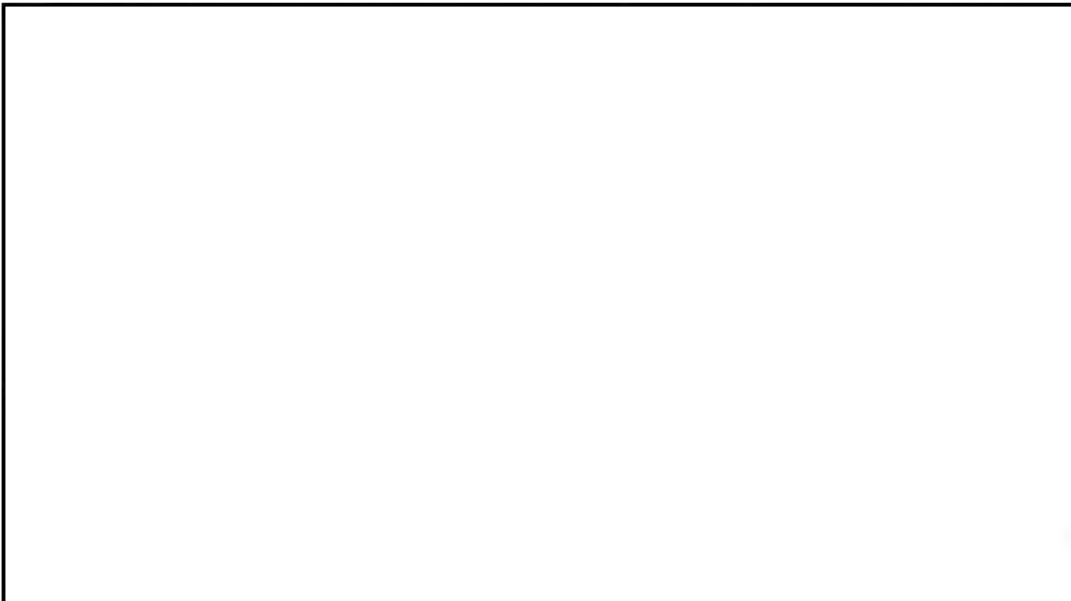
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Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to the name check request from
Mrs. Mildred Stegall relative to a White House affair to be held
on June 28, 1966.

The central files of the FBI contain no pertinent
derogatory information identifiable with the following individuals:



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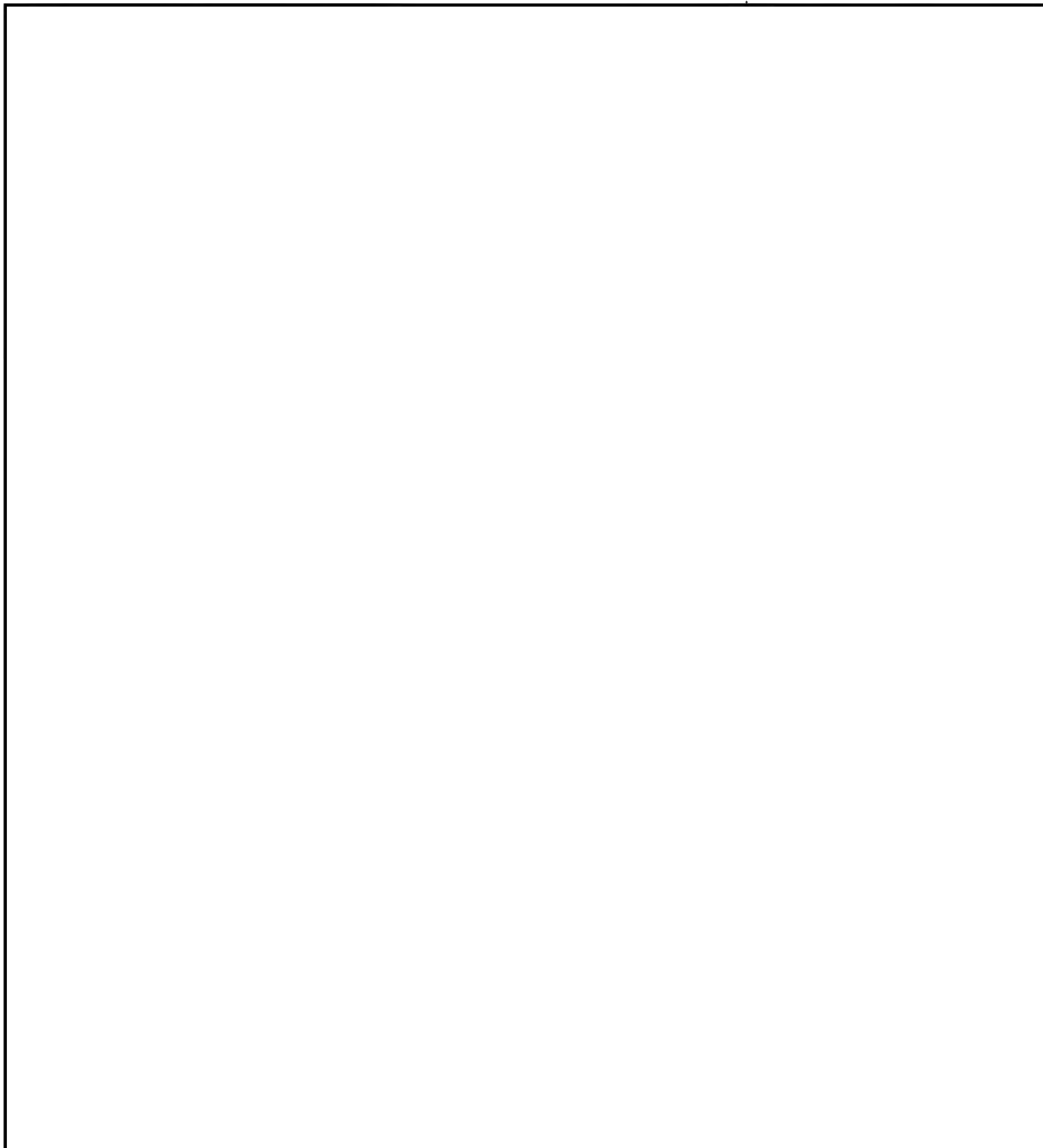
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Honorable Marvin Watson

The fingerprint files of the FBI Identification Division contain no arrest data identifiable with the above individuals with the possible exception of [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of FBI Identification Record Number [REDACTED] which may be identical with [REDACTED] Also attached is a copy of FBI Identification Record Number [REDACTED] which may be identical with [REDACTED]

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Attached are separate memoranda on each of the following individuals:



Ivan Chermayeff



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Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (9)

June 21, 1966

IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Summary
Ivan Chermayeff, who was born on June 6, 1932, at London, England, was the subject of an investigation conducted by the FBI in 1963 in connection with his position with the United States Information Agency. This investigation had been referred to the FBI by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) based on FBI reports of investigation relative to captioned individual's father, Serge Chermayeff. Serge Chermayeff had been the subject of a security-type investigation conducted by the FBI in the early 1950's wherein it was reported he was affiliated with the Chicago Council of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship in 1948 and the Chicago Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450 and the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Serge Chermayeff, Professor of Architecture, Harvard University, was reportedly among the signers of an advertisement placed in the "New York Times" on May 10, 1961, by the Cuba Protest Committee which protested United States military intervention in Cuba.

The February 28, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker," former east coast communist daily newspaper, and the September 24, 1950, issue of "The Worker," east coast communist daily newspaper, listed Serge Chermayeff among signers of a petition appealing to the United States Attorney General to suspend political prosecution of national communist leaders.

NOTE: Per request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.

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IVAN CHERMAYEFF

Serge Chermayeff was also investigated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in 1952 for possible denaturalization; however, this investigation was closed in 1955. In a signed sworn statement furnished INS in 1953, Serge Chermayeff denied membership in the Communist Party. He also stated he had never been a member of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship but did lend this organization his support. He further testified he had been a member of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions for the previous three or four years but he never considered this organization to be a communist front. No additional pertinent information was developed concerning captioned individual during the 1963 investigation of him referred to above. The CSC advised the FBI on March 3, 1964, that a favorable determination had been made with respect to the temporary appointment of Ivan Chermayeff under provisions of Public Law 298. (123-15869)

FBI files contain no additional pertinent derogatory information relative to captioned individual.

The fingerprint files of the FBI Identification Division contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon the background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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☐ Main _____ References Only

Type of Search Requested:

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☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

Subject Ivan Chermayeff
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 Address JUN 17 1966

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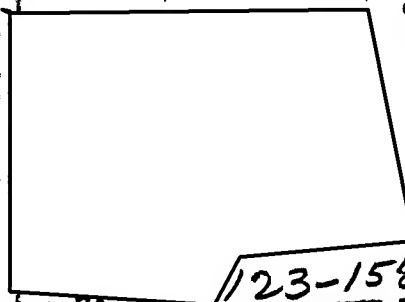
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Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to the name check request from Mrs. Mildred Stegall regarding some of the individuals listed in an open letter to the President which appeared in the January 29, 1967, issue of "The New York Times."

The central files of the FBI contain no pertinent derogatory information identifiable with the following individuals:



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The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with the above individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Attached are separate memoranda on the following

individuals:

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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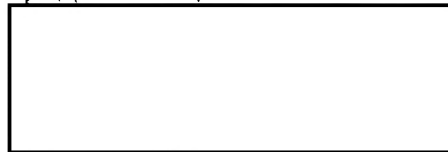
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Honorable Marvin Watson

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Serge Chermaveff
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Being returned herewith is the material forwarded
in connection with this name check request.

A copy of this communication has not been sent
to the Acting Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (8)

February 3, 1967

SERGE CHERMAYEFF - SUMMARY

Professor Serge Chermayeff, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, was the subject of a security-type investigation conducted by the FBI in the early 1950's wherein it was reported he was affiliated with the Chicago Council of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship in 1948 and the Chicago Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. Both of these organizations have been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The May 10, 1961, issue of "The New York Times" reported that Professor Serge Chermayeff, then Professor of Architecture, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, was one of the signers of an advertisement protesting U. S. military intervention in Cuba which was sponsored by the Cuba Protest Committee.

The "Daily Worker," a former east coast communist newspaper, in its February 28, 1949, issue and the September 24, 1950, issue of "The Worker," east coast communist newspaper, listed Serge Chermayeff among the signers of a petition appealing to the U. S. Attorney General to suspend political persecution of national communist leaders.

Serge Chermayeff was also investigated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in 1952 for possible denaturalization; however, this investigation was closed in 1955. In a signed sworn statement furnished INS in 1953, Serge Chermayeff denied membership in the Communist Party. He also stated he had never been a member of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship but did lend this organization his support. He further testified he had been a member of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions for the previous three or four years but he never considered this organization to be a communist front. (123-15869)

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